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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

TO AMEMBASSY ROME

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 8524

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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FOR IRS (ROME)

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, ETRD KU

SUBJECT: IRS INVESTIGATION

REF: ROME 421 (NOT SENT SECSTATE)

WE UNAWARE ANY COMPANIES OPERATING HERE IN OIL AND RELATED INDUSTRIES WHO ENGAGED IN PRACTICES, APART FROM NORMAL COMMERCIAL PRACTICES, DESIGNED TAKE ADVANTAGE FUEL OIL SHORTAGE. AS FAR AS WE ABLE DETERMINE FROM COMPANY AS WELL AS GOK SOURCES BASED ON SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS IN RECENT WEEKS ALL OIL COMPANIES HERE (I.E. GULF, BP, AMINOIL, ARABIAN OIL COMPANY (JAPANESE-OWNED),

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GETTY (SAUDI CONCESSIONAIRE)) STRICTLY OBSERVING OAPEC EMBARGO

AND PRODUCTION LIMITATION REGULATIONS. KUWAIT NATIONAL  
PETROLEUM COMPANY AND KUWAITCHEMICAL FERTILIZERS COMPANY ALSO  
OBSERVING THESE REGULATIONS ALTHOUGH THEY ALSO ATTEMPTING  
CAPITALIZE ON PRESENT MARKET FACTORS PARTICULARLY STEEPLY  
RISING PRICES SO THAT THEY MAY BE SERVING DIFFERENT CUSTOMERS  
THAN PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1973. IN SOME CASES THIS TREND BEGAN  
LAST SPRING WHEN PRICES FOR FERTILIZERS AND REFINED PETROLEUM  
PRODUCTS ROSE DRAMATICALLY IN EUROPE AND JAPAN WHILE  
BEING HELD DOWN IN THE US BY PRICE CONTROLS CAUSING SHIFTS  
AWAY FROM US TO THESE MARKETS.  
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